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APPLICANT: JOMAA-4 PCT

SERIAL NO.: 09/868,961

EXAMINER: DEBORAH C. AMBKIN

FILED: JUNE 22, 2001 GROUP: 1626

TITLE: USE OF BISPHOSPHONATES FOR THE PREVENTION AND
TREATMENT OF INFECTIOUS PROCESSES

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a) (2)

ATTN: BOX FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and
Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to
the Office Action dated September 6, 2002 for two (2) months,
from October 6, 2002 to DECEMBER 6, 2002. Submitted herewith,
under Rule 17(a) (2), is a check in the amount of \$200 to cover
the cost of the extension for a Small Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any
additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our
Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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Respectfully submitted,

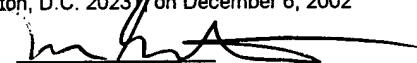
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Enclosures: Check in the amount of \$200

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, Washington, D.C. 20231 on December 6, 2002


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